

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-67. (Canceled)

68. (Previously Presented) A closure device comprising:

a first fastening strip;

a second fastening strip;

a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a second end thereof, said fastening strips and said slider having a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said fastening strips and said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis, a first end stop at said first end, said slider comprising a housing having a first jaw for engaging said first end stop when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips and said first jaw thereby preventing removal of said slider from said first end of said fastening strips in said longitudinal X axis, wherein said first jaw is positioned above the fastening strips in the Z axis.

69. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 68 wherein said first jaw is located at a first end of the slider.

70. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 68 wherein a second jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

71. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 70 wherein a third jaw is located at a second end of the slider and said third jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

72. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 69 wherein a second jaw is located at the first end of the slider.

73. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 69 wherein a third jaw is located at a second end of the slider.

74. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 72 wherein a third jaw and a fourth jaw are located at a second end of the slider.

75. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 68 wherein the first end stop extends above the fastening strips.

76. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 68 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

77. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 72 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

78. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 77 wherein said first jaw and said second jaw define a first slot, said first slot has a first width, said first end stop has a second width, said second width is greater than said first width.

79. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 78 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

80. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 78 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said second width includes said planar surface.

81. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 80 wherein said planar surface includes a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

82. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 76 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

83. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 76 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said first jaw engages said planar surface.

84. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 83 wherein said first surface includes a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

85. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 68, wherein said first jaw is inwardly biased for engaging said first end stop.

86. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 68, wherein said fastening strips comprise U-channel closure type fastening strips.

87. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 68, wherein said fastening strips comprise arrowhead type fastening strips.

88. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 68, wherein said fastening strips comprise profile type fastening strips.

89. (Previously Presented) A slider adapted to be slidably disposed on a first and second fastening strip wherein a first end stop is provided at a first end of said fastening strips, said slider facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards said first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards said second end thereof, said slider comprising:

a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis;

a housing having a first jaw for engaging said first end stop when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips and said first jaw thereby preventing removal of said slider from said first end of said fastening strips in said longitudinal X axis, wherein said first jaw is positioned above the fastening strips in the Z axis.

90. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 89 wherein said first jaw is located at a first end of the slider.

91. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 89 wherein a second jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

92. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 91 wherein a third jaw is located at a second end of the slider and said third jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

93. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 90 wherein a second jaw is located at the first end of the slider.

94. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 90 wherein a third jaw is located at a second end of the slider.

95. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 93 wherein a third jaw and a fourth jaw are located at a second end of the slider.

96. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 89 wherein the first end stop extends above the fastening strips.

97. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 89 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

98. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 93 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

99. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 98 wherein said first jaw and said second jaw define a first slot, said first slot has a first width, said first end stop has a second width, said second width is greater than said first width.

100. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 99 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

101. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 99 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said second width includes said planar surface.

102. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 101 wherein said planar surface includes a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

103. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 97 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

104. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 97 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said first jaw engages said planar surface.

105. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 104 wherein said first surface includes a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

106. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 89, wherein said first jaw is inwardly biased for engaging said first end stop.

107. (Previously Presented) A container comprising:
first and second side walls, said first and second side walls including mating first and second fastening strips respectively, said first and second fastening strips comprising a closure device arranged to be interlocked over a predetermined length,

a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof and facilitating the

deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a second end thereof, said fastening strips and said slider having a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said fastening strips and said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis, a first end stop at said first end, said slider comprising a housing having a first jaw for engaging said first end stop when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips and said first jaw thereby preventing removal of said slider from said first end of said fastening strips in said longitudinal X axis, wherein said first jaw is positioned above the fastening strips in the Z axis.

108. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 107 wherein said first jaw is located at a first end of the slider.

109. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 107 wherein a second jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

110. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 109 wherein a third jaw is located at a second end of the slider and said third jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

111. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 108 wherein a second jaw is located at the first end of the slider.

112. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 108 wherein a third jaw is located at a second end of the slider.

113. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 111 wherein a third jaw and a fourth jaw are located at a second end of the slider.

114. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 107 wherein the first end stop extends above the fastening strips.

115. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 107 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

116. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 111 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

117. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 116 wherein said first jaw and said second jaw define a first slot, said first slot has a first width, said first end stop has a second width, said second width is greater than said first width.

118. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 117 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

119. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 117 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said second width includes said planar surface.

120. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 119 wherein said planar surface includes a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

121. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 115 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

122. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 115 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said first jaw engages said planar surface.

123. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 122 wherein said first surface includes a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

124. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 107, wherein said first jaw is inwardly biased for engaging said first end stop.

125. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 107, wherein said fastening strips comprise U-channel closure type fastening strips.

126. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 107, wherein said fastening strips comprise arrowhead type fastening strips.

127. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 107, wherein said fastening strips comprise profile type fastening strips.

128. (Previously Presented) A method of using a closure device comprising the steps of:

providing a first fastening strip;

providing a second fastening strip;

providing a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a second end thereof, said fastening strips and said slider having a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said fastening strips and said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis, a first end stop at said first end, said slider comprising a housing having a first jaw for engaging said first end stop when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips and said first jaw thereby preventing removal of said slider from said first end of said fastening strips in said longitudinal X axis, wherein said first jaw is positioned above the fastening strips in the Z axis;

moving said slider and engaging the first end stop.

129. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 128 wherein said first jaw is located at a first end of the slider.

130. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 128 wherein a second jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

131. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 130 wherein a third jaw is located at a second end of the slider and said third jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

132. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 129 wherein a second jaw is located at the first end of the slider.

133. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 129 wherein a third jaw is located at a second end of the slider.

134. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 132 wherein a third jaw and a fourth jaw are located at a second end of the slider.

135. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 128 wherein the first end stop extends above the fastening strips.

136. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 128 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

137. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 132 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

138. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 137 wherein said first jaw and said second jaw define a first slot, said first slot has a first width, said first end stop has a second width, said second width is greater than said first width.

139. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 138 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

140. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 138 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said second width includes said planar surface.

141. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 140 wherein said planar surface includes a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

142. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 136 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

143. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 136 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said first jaw engages said planar surface.

144. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 143 wherein said first surface includes a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

145. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 128, wherein said first jaw is inwardly biased for engaging said first end stop.

146. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 128, wherein said fastening strips comprise U-channel closure type fastening strips.

147. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 128, wherein said fastening strips comprise arrowhead type fastening strips.

148. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 128, wherein said fastening strips comprise profile type fastening strips.

149. (New) A closure device comprising:
a first fastening strip;
a second fastening strip;

a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a second end thereof, said fastening strips and said slider having a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said fastening strips and said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis, a first end stop at said first end, said slider comprising a housing having a first jaw and a second jaw for engaging said first end stop when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips and said first jaw and said second jaw thereby preventing removal of said slider from said first end of said fastening strips in said longitudinal X axis, wherein said first jaw and said second jaw are positioned above the fastening strips in the Z axis, said first jaw and said second jaw defining a first slot, said first slot having a first width, said first end stop having a second width, said second width being greater than first width.

150. (New) The closure device of claim 149 wherein said first end stop includes a planar surface, said second width including said planar surface.

151. (New) The closure device of claim 150 wherein said first end stop includes a protrusion, said second width including said protrusion.